

Luther student's 'head start' proves costly

by LUANN WRIGHT

A Luther College student reportedly got a head start on the Wartburg-Luther rivalry last weekend.

Scott Stearns, 20, from Rockwell City, is being charged with reckless driving after he literally drove from one end of the campus to the other after dropping off a friend at approximately 2 a.m. Jan. 9.

According to reports by Waverly

Police, Stearns entered the college on the sidewalk near Clinton Hall and continued to drive between Old Main and Grossmann Hall. He then drove past the cafeteria where he turned and proceeded under the walkway connecting the Student Union and the Whitehouse Business Center.

It was there Stearns encountered some trouble when he drove over a water

meter sticking out of the ground between the sidewalks.

Stearns caused an estimated \$350 damage to the well and \$200 damage to the car he was driving.

After hitting the water meter, he turned right on Eighth Street and finally abandoned his car on Second Avenue.

Wartburg Security investigated the incident upon discovering the damage to

the water meter. They followed Stearns' path, which led them to his abandoned car on Second Avenue. The incident was then turned over to the Waverly Police, who traced the car to Stearns.

"It is strictly a police matter at this point," said Bud Potter, campus chief of security. Potter said that the college will seek restitution for the damage done to the well.

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Simon focuses on three agendas

by MARLYS THOMAS

Senator Paul Simon, Democratic presidential candidate, focused on "three basic agendas of our day," when he spoke at Wartburg Tuesday.

Simon pointed out his three agendas as:

1) Economic, which involves trade deficits, balancing the budget and increasing the savings rate; 2) Social, which includes education; and 3) Defense and arms control.

In his address, Simon focused on the latter two issues.

Adverse weather conditions delayed the senator's appearance by approximately one hour, but students, faculty members and members of the Waverly community waited in Buhr Lounge to see the senator.

Senior Karen Thalacker, coordinator of students for Simon, introduced Simon and welcomed him along with more than 60 students "on board the Simon campaign for the presidency of the United States."

Simon made it clear he is in Iowa for a practical reason.

"I am here because in Iowa you have more of a voice in who is going to be the next leader of the free world. I need your help and want your help."

EDUCATION

Adult illiteracy is a main concern of Simon, who estimates that there are 23 million functionally illiterate adults in this country.

"We really ought to attack this thing (illiteracy) and enrich our country. No other industrial country in the world has as high a percentage of adult illiterates as we do."

The educational dropout rates in America are higher than Simon wants and he advocates making preschool education a greater priority to help contain these statistics.

"Where you have intense preschool education programs, you have a dramatic change in the dropout rate, the teenage pregnancy rate and the crime rate," he said.

Teaching and curricular problems also are stressed in Simon's educational plans. He commended Iowans on doing a good job of raising the pay for teachers, but as a country he said we have to do better.



SENATOR SIMON—Democratic presidential hopeful Paul Simon explains his platform to students while visiting Wartburg. Simon answered questions in Buhr Lounge Tuesday. Ken Gorton photo

"We have to attract and keep the very finest of our people in the field of teaching and we must be tougher in curriculums," Simon said.

Simon said there are several things happening in college education, including increases in costs and tuition, yet student assistance is remaining fairly level. Under the present system, Simon revealed that we have moved from "Forty percent of assistance being in loans to 80 percent being in loans."

"Increasingly, we are segregating American higher education on the basis of economics," he said. "By increasingly relying on loans, it costs the government more in the long term."

Simon's final note on education is to make it a priority.

"If we don't, we simply aren't going to be competitive and we are going to be robbing the futures of our little ones."

DEFENSE AND ARMS CONTROL

"I want a strong defense but I also want to cease and create more responsible opportunities to move away from the arms race," Simon said.

"If we continue to escalate the arms race, eventually someone is likely to strike a match," he said.

Simon said we have the ability to create a world where we will "never hear the laughter or cry of a child and never again see corn growing in an Iowa field."

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Winebrenner criticizes Iowa's 'veto' power

by NANCY ANDERSON

"Has Iowa acquired veto power over presidential candidates," asked Dr. Hugh Winebrenner, a professor of public administration at Drake University. Winebrenner critically examined the Iowa precinct caucuses in Thursday's convocation address, "Iowa Presidential Caucuses: A Fraud?"

Winebrenner, a former Wartburg political science professor, has studied the influence of the Iowa caucuses and is the author of the book, "The Iowa Precinct Caucuses; the Making of a Media Event."

Because of Iowa's tremendous influence in the political process, presidential candidates flood the state. When Vice President George Bush visited Wartburg on Nov. 7, nine other candidates were in Iowa, Winebrenner said. And just Friday, seven Democratic candidates were in Des Moines for the Des Moines Register Democratic debate.

"Iowa now ranks first in production of presidential candidates as well as corn and hogs," Winebrenner said.

Before 1972, no one paid any attention to the Iowa precinct caucuses, according to Winebrenner. The function of the caucus then was to determine delegates, not presidential candidates.

But several changes caused the Iowa caucuses to come into the limelight. Iowa's Democratic party decided to change the timetable for their caucuses, keeping at least one month between the precinct, county, district and state levels.

This pushed the precinct caucus back to January, which made the Iowa Democratic precinct caucus the first nominating event in the country.

Although the caucuses were originally held to determine delegates, the media was interested in who won and who lost. The Democrats gave the reporters some numbers even though no votes had been counted, according to Winebrenner.

In 1976, the Republican party decided to hold the same caucus date as the Democrats to maximize media attention.

Winebrenner referred to this as "the dark side of the Iowa caucuses" because the numbers reported to the media were not valid.

"There is no law making the recording of false results illegal," he added.

As Iowa gained more attention from the media, the state's power grew. A candidate's fate is usually determined by his showing in Iowa and that fate is sealed in New Hampshire, according to Winebrenner.

This power has been "good for the psyche of Iowa," Winebrenner said. Other states perceive Iowans as astute, intellectual and up on the issues.

The caucuses have also been good for the economy of Des Moines and for the political parties.

But Winebrenner questioned whether Iowa's power is good for the nation as a whole.

"Iowa is not representative of the nation. No one state is," he said. "For instance, Iowa has never supported an Easterner."

Winebrenner added that the results are "shaky at best" because there is no law requiring results to be reported accurately.

The caucuses are also carried out by the two political parties. There is no impartial third party.

Winebrenner's main criticism is that Iowa and New Hampshire, "eliminate most of the candidates before 48 states have a chance to comment."

Winebrenner suggests that several states hold caucuses on the same day as Iowa to "dilute Iowa's impact."

"I am not saying that Iowa shouldn't be first," Winebrenner said. "It just shouldn't be first alone."



DR. HUGH WINEBRENNER

knightbeat

King's impact still remains

by JILL BOWDEN

When Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke the words of his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963, I doubt he realized the impact they would still have 25 years later. The dream he spoke of for the United States of the 60s is a universal and timeless dream that is still valid for the world community of the 80s.

Today in chapel Charissa Gainous, minority student adviser, and seven students presented a tone poem based on King's speech in recognition of King's observed birthday.

"The dream implies an unconditional love," Gainous said. "It's a love that says 'I may not agree with or understand all that you believe, but I have to allow you your right to have that belief.' I think we as people need to learn to be less conditional in our love."

As King said in his famous speech: "With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling dischords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."

Though King's speech centered its message to the South, it alluded to universal peace and unity:

"From every mountainside, let freedom ring. And when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village, from every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: 'Free at last! free at last! thank God almighty, we are free at last!'"

In order for this dream to continue, it is up to each and every one of us to feel that same intensity of purpose that was felt during the '60s. We need to recognize that each person is of equal standing in that we are all part of God's creation; an injustice to any one person is an injustice to all.

The dream of world unity can be done in the same way. On our own campus we are given many opportunities to do this very thing.

Students for Peace and Justice, the Cultural Awareness Center, the Dell Association, Venture Education and the many international students are all opportunities at Wartburg for us to work toward achieving this dream.

letter

Senior tests commitment

A few words must be spoken about the "commitment" Wartburg has to the humanities, as described by Provost Welch in a recent *Trumpet* article.

It is silly to believe that the cosmetic improvement of Wartburg's facilities are the result of a "commitment" to the Humanities. In the past, I have asked the administration what has been done for the Humanities, and I have been told that Old Main has been renovated.

There are two things wrong with this approach. First, the building, although necessary, does not teach a class; second, these improvements would have been done regardless of the departments housed in the facility. Would Old Main still have been restored if biology or business were housed there? Of course it would have: the building needed it. The same holds true for the proposed Luther Hall work. Therefore, to claim that something is being done for the humanities when buildings are improved is pure administrative nonsense.

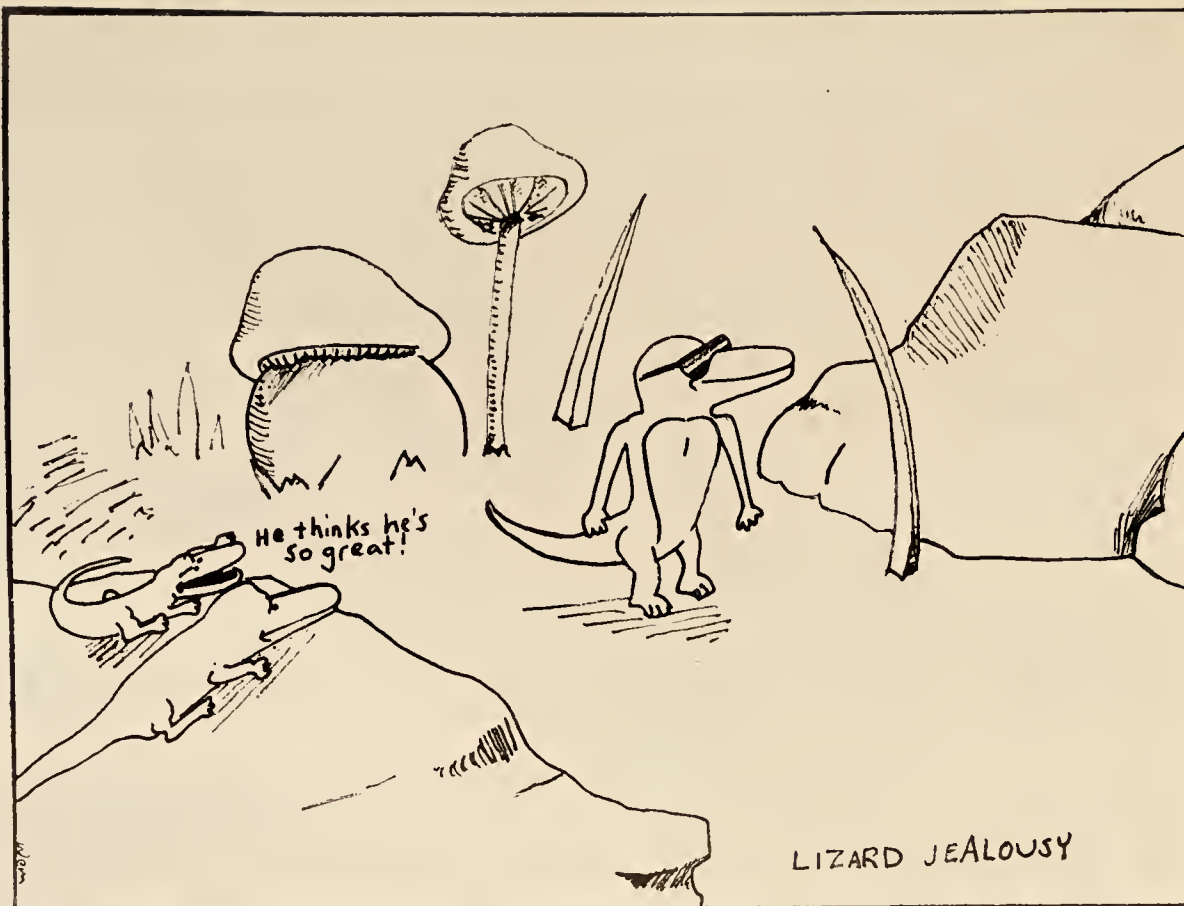
Of course, the argument goes that Wartburg does not have enough available resources to combat the overworked-professor problem. Could it be because we're not making a priority out of academics? Nobody gets to see how much money is spent, say, on sidewalk concrete, or on Tower Room furniture and accessories. But we do get at least a picture of how much money is spent on the Humanities: not enough.

Is Wartburg still planning on being one of the best four private colleges in Iowa? If we are, then it looks like we're gonna have to do it on our good looks.

Roger E. Bradley
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Pearson goes out on a limb

"Hey, Pearson! What are you doing over there? I barely recognized you with that mafia hat on and that cigar in your mouth."

"I'm trying to get in the newspaper mood so I can write my column. Do I look like Bob Woodward?"

"You look more like an unshaven Barbara Walters."

"Thanks. It doesn't matter, though. I already know what I'm going to write about—the Vikings."

"Nol You're just going to get into trouble again. Half the people on this campus don't give a quarterback sneak about sports. Remember all the hate mail you got when you wrote about the Twins?"

"I don't care. I'll read my column. My parents will read it. Coach Canfield might even read it."

"Why don't you talk about something that everyone can relate to, like why they've dumped 1,000 tons of sand on our sidewalks and turned us into a poor man's Malibu?"

"I would, but I've already tracked enough into my room to give my carpet a permanent sandpaper feel. What good would it do now?"

"Good point."

"Anyway, this is sort of my personal revenge on Iowa. For two years I've been indoctrinated into the Hawkeye religion. I've seen Hawkeye bumper stickers, Hawkeye hats, Hawkeye shot glasses, Hawkeye underwear, Hawkeye contact lenses, and Hawkeye communion cups. Enough!"

"Head for the hills while you still can, Pearson."

"Don't get me wrong. I like Iowa. It's just that it's nice having a professional team doing so well."

"And you think the Vikings can go all the way?"

"Shhh, a vision is passing before my eyes. I see the Twins winning the World Series! The Vikings winning the Super Bowl! The North Stars taking the Stanley Cup! The Gophers winning the NCAA hockey championship! Walter Mondale being voted Time's Man of the Year! Whoops, the vision just vanished."

What in the World...

by Tim Pearson

"You realize, of course, that Minnesota has been to the Super Bowl four times and gotten blown out in each. Custer had a better record than that."

"I know. Revelations has a Viking win listed along with earthquakes and fires as a sign of the Second Coming."

"So can they beat Washington and either Denver or Cleveland?"

"Should I go out on a limb?"

"Sure."

"The Vikings by seven over the Redskins and by three over the Browns. And do you know what that would make the Twin Cities?"

"What?"

"Tittletown, U.S.A."



Democrat attends debate

A friend and I attended the Des Moines Register Democratic debate last Friday night in Des Moines.

It was an important event for the candidates, and it was the last chance for caucus-goers to see all seven candidates assembled in the same place. It was Gary Hart's first debate since re-entering the race, and Al Gore returned to Iowa after pulling his staff out months ago to concentrate his efforts in the South.

The atmosphere at The Civic Center was electric. The newspapermen, camera-persons and over 2,600 observers were ready.

For two hours, the candidates, James Gannon, the Register's editor, and Jim Thompson, the Republican governor of Illinois, asked questions.

There were the usual jabs at each candidate's record and policy ideas. Mike Dukakis defended his so-called "Massachusetts Miracle." Paul Simon defended his economic program. Gary Hart defended his character. And so on.

Inevitably, people ask, "Who won?" In my judgement, they all performed strongly.

But a much more important observation needs to be made.

Although many did not realize it, there was a tenth "participant" at the debate. This "participant" has been present throughout the entire campaign and continues to affect each candidate.

This "participant" is Ronald Reagan, who after over seven years in office is limping more noticeably than any other lame duck before him.

Reagan participates in that, out of necessity, almost all of the Democratic proposals are efforts to correct his administration's mistakes. Even when the Democrats jabbed at each other, their strong commitment to take

the Republicans out of the White House was evident.

The problems of the deficit, the declining quality of education and the escalation of the arms race are reminders of the Reagan years. The Democrats are using these issues to offer a clear choice and the necessary changes.

May I say something

by Karen Thalacker

Reagan's character also has a noticeable impact on what Americans are looking for in a president. The electorate wants what "The Great Communicator" did not give them—honesty from himself and those who work under him; and true pride, not false patriotism.

Televised debates such as the one on Friday offer an example of Reagan's influence. Two of Reagan's most powerful weapons were his acting experience and friendship with the camera. Composure is still vital but a perfect delivery is not.

Sincerity is not the key. Viewers now attempt to judge if a candidate is too cool and collected to be believable.

Ronald Reagan's lingering presence in an election he cannot even run in is yet another reminder that even though his disastrous presidency will be over in less than 370 days, it will be years before our country recovers.





CHAIRS COMMITTEE—Provost Ed Welch, chair of the Academic Planning Committee, examines the needs of students in the Humanities. Ken Gorton photo

No new faculty added to Humanities

by CRAIG SESKER

Areas in the Humanities that have only one professor—art, philosophy and sociology—should have two, according to Dr. Ed Welch, provost.

Despite this claim, no plans are being made to add a person to these academic areas.

Welch said the Academic Planning Committee, which he chairs, receives requests from departments each year. He said three questions are taken into consideration when evaluating an academic area.

1) What constitutes the educational quality in a discipline?

2) How much workload can a department or person (faculty member) handle?

3) How do we (Wartburg College) best use our resources?

"As an operating principle, I think it is critical to have two different persons teach so students are exposed to different points of view," Welch said. "It's very important. Each of the disciplines is a critical part of our educational system. We need to educate students so they know what's going on."

Welch said other priorities and lack of resources prevent Wartburg from adding another position. He said the college needs a larger base of students to justify adding another faculty person.

Senior Roger Bradley, one of just five philosophy majors here, said improving the area of philosophy is important if this school is interested in a sound liberal arts program.

"I think when a school offers a major, that major ought to be educating the person in that field," Bradley said. "Certainly to the point where we are prepared for graduate school. That's the reason the school is here—academics."

Bradley said the number of majors is not a good indication of the need for two professors in these areas.

"Only five philosophy majors is a poor indication of the amount of professors you should have," Bradley said. "If you have the major, offer classes like 'Philosophy of Language' that are not even in the catalog because there are not enough professors."

"The number of majors is not a good indication because at least two professors are necessary to offer the curriculum needed to prepare you for grad school."

Introduction to Philosophy, a class that averages around 60 students a term and currently has 58, is another concern mentioned by Bradley.

The reaccreditation report mentions that there are too many people in these sections," he said. "There should be 25 to 30. Philosophy is the kind of class where you need discussion. You are challenging ideas all the time. Who is going to talk and ask questions in a class of that size?"

Dr. Herman Diers, professor of religion, said we don't have to apologize for the humanities.

"On the whole, I feel quite positive about the humanities without resting on our laurels," Diers said. "We have to keep working away at it."

Diers did express a desire to add another person to the area of philosophy, although he said he does not want to detract from other areas.

"I hope it will be possible for the college to enrich the Philosophy Department by having another person," Diers said. "I hope we would be able to get greater diversity in the Philosophy Department. But I'm not as pessimistic as alarmists are."



POSITIVE FEELING—Dr. Herman Diers, professor of religion, has a "positive" feeling about the Humanities.

"It would be more feasible if we can get a half-time person; that way we would have two perspectives. I can see where it's hard to justify a second professor on the basis of enrollment. When you talk priorities, everything has to be balanced out."

Senior Brenda Ackarman, student body president, is taking steps to educate students on the issue of the humanities through Student Senate.

Ackarman said the area needs stronger commitment. "I feel that things are going in a circle," Ackarman said. "No progress is being made. We could do a lot of different things to try and improve the situation. What we are looking for is the most effective way to do it."

"The humanities offer some great programs," she said. "But the faculty are being stretched too thin."

Jim Lynes, a senior history major, said administrators should worry less about justifying the existence of the humanities and more about making some changes.

"If administrators are so close-fisted about the humanities and if they (the humanities) are not profitable what are they going to have left?" Lynes said. "Anything worthwhile?"

P/D/N option examined

by JILL BOWDEN

As of next year, the Pass/D/No Credit student option may no longer be available depending on the discussion surrounding the motion at the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) meeting held before Christmas Break.

The motion was brought up at the EPC meeting that the "pass/fail" option be eliminated due to abuse of the option in the general education courses, according to Provost Ed Welch, member of the committee. Discussion of the tabled motion is on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the EPC.

"There are some well-founded concerns on the part of the faculty members that the option is being abused," Welch said. "And the option has been abused when you look at its intent."

According to Welch, the Pass/D/No Credit option for students was introduced with the intent to allow students to experience and explore a course where they might perceive themselves to be at a competitive disadvantage.

"We find that a lot of students use the Pass/D/No Credit option in general education courses," Welch said. "By allowing this, it appears that we feel general education courses are less important than courses in the major. That's not the case."

The option is most commonly being used by 20-30 percent of the students in general education courses. (The option is used by 3-4 percent of students in all courses.) The figures reflecting this are as follows:

Courses	Fall '86	Winter '87
Interdisciplinary	20%	23%
Natural World	23%	37%
Biology	23%	25%
Religion	23% (Lit. of Old & New)	11%

Welch stated that when such a large percentage of students take a course through the option, he believes it lowers the motivation to take the course seriously. This he feels also translates into a lower stimulation for discussion within the course.

Another drawback for a high percentage of students taking a course through the Pass/D/No Credit option is that it functions to lower the curve for everybody.

"Finally, the system creates some situations where an 'F' is better than a 'D,'" Welch said. "If students receive an 'F' in the course, they receive no credit and it does not appear on their record."

A question has also been raised as to how the existence of the option reflects on Wartburg's academic integrity in the eyes of future employers. This type of option is rare among colleges today.

According to the Student Senate Minutes of Jan. 5, seniors Karen Thalacker and Bridget Geboy, student members of the EPC, are working on an alternative proposal that would allow juniors and seniors to take two elective courses under the Pass/D/No Credit option. General education requirement courses would not be allowed for the option with this proposal.

A variety of proposals and options will be discussed and considered from many areas of input at tomorrow's EPC meeting, according to Welch.

Plans pay off

SIMON

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Insuring that this destruction never happens is what Simon believes to be the greatest responsibility of a president.

REACTIONS

A great deal of planning by Thalacker and other Simon supporters preceded Simon's visit to Wartburg.

The Rev. Robert Gremmels, chair of the Communication Arts Department, was impressed by the day's events.

"This is the best example of student organization I've seen since the 60s," Gremmels said. "I had begun to think it was no longer possible to get this many students involved in something at one time."

Alan Vandenberg, co-chair of the Young Democrats, said Simon has become a favorite of Wartburg Democrats.

"He was the first to get organized, which is a big factor," Vandenberg said. "Also, a lot of important people on campus supported him early and he just kind of caught on."

One Simon supporter, senior Mark Teerink, said he likes Simon's policies, especially in education and military spending.

"His overall attitude toward leadership and people is the most impressive of all the candidates," Teerink said.

Junior Michael Jensen said Simon presents a lot of idealistic material without exactly telling us how he will go about doing them.

"His explanation for the deficit was confusing and didn't make sense," said Jensen, who also commented on the publicity surrounding Simon's visit.

"It (Simon publicity) turned me off," Jensen said. "I was planning on going in with an open mind but because of the overkill of publicity and about five different mailings, it changed my attitude towards him."



STEP, KICK—Junior Kim Oltmann performs a dance routine with the pom-pom squad during half-time of a men's basketball game. Rich Gordon photo

newsbriefs

A three-day winter retreat which helps clergy prepare for the Lenten season will be held near Strawberry Point Jan. 24-26. Registration information and fees should be sent by Jan. 20 to Rev. Peter Sethre, director of L'CHAIM, the Iowa Center for Theology and Life. The workshop will be led by Dr. Ronald Hals, professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH.

A workshop on clergy Biblical background on Lent and Easter Gospel texts is scheduled for Feb. 2 in Muscatine. The workshop will be led by Dr. Stan Saunders, assistant professor at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque. Registration information and fees should be sent by Jan. 29 to the Rev. Peter Sethre, director of L'CHAIM, Iowa Center for Theology and Life.

Free assistance on income tax returns, both state and federal, will again be offered by senior accounting students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning tomorrow and continuing until April 6. The assistance is provided through VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The students will be at the Waverly Public Library on Tuesdays and the Whitehouse Business Center on Wednesdays. Hours are 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Placement reports at Wartburg are moving closer and closer to a perfect grade. This year's report, released by the college's Career Development Center, indicates that within six and a half months of graduation 98.5 percent of the class of 1987 had found employment or was in graduate school. That represents a 1.8 percentage improvement over 1986 when 96.7 percent was reported employed or continuing their education in the same time period.

Television Evangelist Pat Robertson, Republican candidate for president, will make a campaign stop in Waverly tomorrow. Robertson is scheduled to appear at the Red Fox Inn at 5 p.m. He will conduct a public forum where he will present his campaign views and then field questions from the audience.

Chapel Schedule: Jim Clark from Grace Baptist Church will speak Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Senior Carolyn Rowan is scheduled Friday in Buhr Lounge at 10:15 a.m. and President Robert Vogel will lead next Monday's service at 10:15 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

Construction on the P.E. Complex roof is underway, according to Ron Matthias, vice president for administration and finance. The new roof should be complete by the end of the month, he said. Cost of the project is \$40,000. The college decided to replace the roof to prevent further damage after they experienced problems with the 40-year-old roof last year.

Junior Nick Van Langen became only the fourth person in the history of the traditional Luther Run to log 19 1/4 miles, tying the record of alumni Dan Huston and Eric Welch and former student Tom Shepley. Van Langen, a member of the Knight track and cross country teams, led a pack of 13 runners on this year's run.

An alumni track meet is scheduled for Feb. 6 in the Physical Education Complex. Interested competitors can call Head Men's Track Coach Bob O'Brien at 352-8309 or Women's Coach Liz Wuertz at 352-8262.

The Trumpet welcomes senior Steve McGrew back to the staff for the Winter Term. McGrew spent the Fall Term working for a newspaper near Denver, CO, as part of the Wartburg West program. McGrew has taken the post of assistant sports editor.

African panel scheduled

A panel presentation on Southern Africa, entitled "Voices Direct from Southern Africa," is scheduled for tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

The program is sponsored by the Dell Association for Peace and Justice.

Participating on the panel are two people from South Africa, one person from Angola and a fourth person from Namibia.

Featured will be diplomat Jose Luis Matos, the political secretary in the Angolan Mission at the United Nations;

Monica Nshande, who is with the Southwest Africa People's Organization Mission to the United Nations; Rajen Naidoo, a recently graduated South African from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania; and Dennis Goldberg, a South African activist who was released from jail two years ago after serving a 22-year sentence.

Dr. Herman Diers of the religion faculty, who arranged the panel, said it provides an opportunity for people to become informed about a key election issue.

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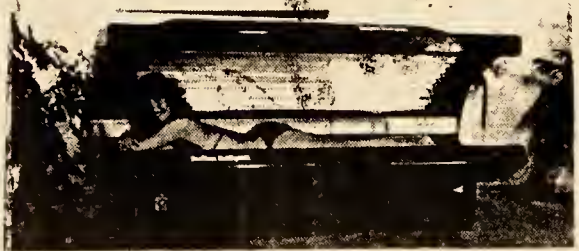


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Trachte to head Lutheran retreat

by BEV EIDE

Campus Pastor Larry Trachte is to serve as presenter, chaplain and coordinator of the first Lutheran retreat for American college students studying abroad.

The retreat is set for Jan. 22-25 at Hintersee in the Bavarian Alps of West Germany. The retreat is in answer to a 1986 study done by Kurt Reichardt of the National Lutheran Campus Ministry (NLCM), Trachte said.

Because of Reichardt's concern that American students studying abroad were struggling in a number of ways, he spent a month in Europe traveling and interviewing American students, including Wartburg students. Reichardt's study shows that the students who spent the full year abroad usually hit an emotional bottom shortly after Christmas.

"Reichardt's general impressions were that American students were struggling in language, housing, schoolwork, sexuality and drugs," Trachte said. "They find that American students are not liked anymore. They ask themselves, 'Who am I as an American?' Some were upset that their college and church had abandoned them."

Trachte said Wartburg's study abroad program received high marks from Reichardt. Because of Wartburg's strong program, Trachte said he was asked by his friend, Jim Carr, director of NLCM, to give his input into what could be done for these students. About one year ago, Trachte said the idea of a retreat came up when he was asked to organize it.

The retreat will provide a weekend of shared experiences, concerns, relaxation, worship and recreation for 50 students. Although the retreat is specifically for Lutheran students, it is open to any American student in Europe, Trachte said.

The theme of the conference is based on Psalm 137 and is entitled, "Singing the Lord's Song in a Foreign Land: A Biblical and Personal Exploration of Roots, Community and New Identity."

"How do we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" Trachte said. "We are not only uprooted from our country, but our faith as well. We begin to wonder if Christianity is a part of the United States. All of a sudden your values and roots are questioned."

To help address these struggles, the conference will cover such topics as the connected/disconnectedness of life, the social, cultural, political and academic challenges and the problems encountered by students when they return to the U.S.

Assisting Trachte with the conference will be the Rev.



GOING ABROAD—Pastor Larry Trachte conducts a Sunday worship service in Neumann Auditorium. Trachte will be traveling to West Germany this week for a retreat with students abroad. Ken Gorton photo

Mark Thronveit, assistant professor of Old Testament at Luther Northwestern Seminary, and Shelly Green, a 1987 Wartburg graduate and an abroad student herself in 1985-86.

Green is working for the Department of Communication at the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, Switzerland and will be an added dimension to the conference, Trachte said.

"International students have trouble coming back to the States as well," Trachte said. "Their world has shrunk and they don't know what to expect when they come back. Shelly will be able to provide that experience."

Trachte said he is excited about the retreat because

all six of Wartburg's students studying in Germany and France this year will be attending the retreat.

He will spend the day before the retreat with juniors Joi James, Les Franzen and Glenda Fichtner—students studying in Germany; and juniors Marie Egenes, Liesl Hubbard and Victor Cole—students studying in France.

"I am doubly excited to go," Trachte said. "Seeing our Wartburg students will be kind of a bonus."

Trachte is a veteran of European study and travel. He studied in Germany as an undergraduate and as a seminarian. From 1979-83 he led yearly seminars for Wartburg students and alumni and conducted research there in the summer of 1986.

Eggers gains honor

Carolyn Eggers, assistant director of public information, is the winner of an Award of Merit in the Editorial Content/Writing Category of the District VI Mid-America CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Awards Competition.

The award was announced by Bob Mussman of the University of Missouri, chair of the awards committee. The winning entry will be recognized at the District VI Conference awards luncheon tomorrow in Denver, CO.

The award is for a feature Eggers wrote in the fall of 1986 on the Rev. Herbert Hafermann, a Wartburg alumnus who has been an American missionary in Tanzania for the past 25 years. He was at the college on a leave-of-absence at the time. The story contrasted life styles in Tanzania and America.

The story was written for general

distribution and appeared in the *Trumpet*, the Waverly newspapers, the Waterloo Courier, the Kiester (MN) Courier-Sentinel (Hafermann's hometown) and was excerpted in the Des Moines Sunday Register and Lutheran Perspective Magazine.

Hafermann later teamed with Dr. Herman Diers, professor of religion, to create Venture Education, an academic program that sends Wartburg students to Tanzania to earn credit and work in a rural African setting.

Writing awards are not a new experience for Eggers. She is the winner of three EPIC (Excellent Performance in Communication) Awards for the Northeast Iowa Chapter of Women in Communications, one in each of the past three years.

She joined the public information staff in January 1986.

Senate seeks new senior class president, senator

Student Senate is seeking to fill two voids left when two of its members had to resign posts because of conflicts with meetings.

Al Duminy, senior class president, has had to step down since his social work internship clashes with senate meetings. Senior Tim Schuring has also resigned because his upcoming period as a student teacher also conflicts with the meetings.

Elections for the open positions will be held Jan. 25 in the Student Union and in the Senate Office.

In other news:

—Professor of the Year elections are coming up. The committee will be deciding on what will be done to honor Marion Gremmels as part of the project.

—The ice rink is in working order but the surface is rough.

—The idea of giving course credit to athletes will not be pursued.

—Senior Roger Bradley approached Senate in order to better inform the student body about the philosophy and humanities areas. A forum on the humanities is tentatively set for Jan. 25.

Dukakis tape viewed

A small group of Wartburg students gathered in Voeks Auditorium Thursday to view a taped interview with Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, a Democratic presidential hopeful.

The interview was conducted in November 1987 by Marvin Kalb at the Kennedy School of Government—Harvard University.

Paul Caiola, field organizer for the Michael Dukakis campaign in Bremer and Butler counties, was responsible for showing the tape.

Caiola has not prepared any specific programs for the students of Wartburg, but he is willing to set some things up if students show interest.

"I would like to have students' input, and be contacted by them if they want any information about the Dukakis campaign," Caiola said.

Senior Brenda Ackarman is the coordinator for Dukakis' campaign on campus. Students can get in touch with Ackarman in the Student Senate Office if they have interest in the campaign.

Students are invited to watch a videotape of Dukakis' Jan. 2 visit to Wartburg. The tape will be shown Thursday at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Dr. Doris Cottam, professor of sociology.

"The focus of Dukakis' visit to Waverly was education. He shared his specific plans to revitalize the education programs in the system," Caiola said.

Ackarman urges students to take the opportunity to listen to what Dukakis said when he was on campus. "I feel that who students support should be determined by their knowledge of the candidates. You can't make objective decisions unless you look and listen."

Campus thefts continue

by LUANN WRIGHT

Thefts continued on the Wartburg campus last week when Ernst House reported the loss of a cable selector control box and a vacuum cleaner. The English Department also reported the theft of a Macintosh computer terminal.

The items from Ernst were reportedly taken sometime early Jan. 9.

The vacuum cleaner was valued at \$89. Cost to replace the cable box, owned by Heritage Cablevision, will be \$250.

"The brunt of replacing the items is going to be placed on Ernst," said Steph Mertz, resident assistant in Ernst House. "It's going to be charged to our bills."

Mertz hopes that part of the costs can

be paid by Residential Life.

"Our main question is what is to prevent this from happening again," she said.

Also discovered stolen was a Macintosh terminal from office of the English department. The computer was stolen the evening of Jan. 14, according to Dr. Richard Schneider, Chair of the English Department.

"Dr. (Ruth) Hamilton (assistant professor of English) came into the office Friday morning and noticed it was gone," Schneider said. "As far as we know the door was locked, so the assumption is that it was someone who had a key. Other than that, we don't really know much more about it."

Bruce Babbitt to appear on campus Thursday

Democratic presidential candidate Bruce Babbitt will be on campus Thursday to talk to students about his policies. Babbitt, former governor of Arizona, will give a short speech and then answer questions at noon Jan. 21 in Buhr Lounge.

Babbitt was among the seven Democrats who participated in the Des Moines Register's debate at the Civic

Center in Des Moines last Friday.

The Register had him finishing in the top three and

the Washington Post billed Babbitt as the winner of the debate.

Wartburg is one of Babbitt's last campaign stops as he prepares for the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 8.

Simpson win highlights week

Lady Knights 2-1 in loop action

by STEVE MCGREW

Sole possession of first place in Iowa Conference women's play was up for grabs in Decorah Saturday and Luther, thanks to a strong inside scoring game, defeated Wartburg, 78-60, to end an up and down week for the Knights.

Wartburg, who bounced back from a 59-49 loss to Coe Wednesday to defeat Simpson, 74-67, at Indianola Friday, started out well against the Norse.

Senior Janae Bravard led Wartburg's attack in the early going, hitting her first three shots from the field to highlight an 11-2 Knight run in the first four minutes of the game.

Then Luther began to take control of the game. Defensively, the Norse installed a full-court press and Wartburg began turning the ball over, committing 16 turnovers in the first half. Offensively, the Norse began to solve Wartburg's 1-2-2 match-up zone installed to shut off the Norse's inside scoring game.

"Luther played well," Knight Head Coach Kathy Meyer-Thomas said. "They began to get open shots, particularly in the second half when it seemed like every shot they threw up went in."

Diane Boehmke was Luther's major scoring weapon. The junior scored 20 points, mainly from the outside, to open up the inside game for Luther centers Mona Henrikson and Mara Graven, who combined for 25 points. Bravard and sophomore Kathy Smith shared scoring honors for the Knights with 12 points each.

The Norse held a 36-25 halftime lead and extended their lead to as many as 15 points, only to see the Knights rally to within seven, 57-50, with 7:29 to play in the game. But the Knights couldn't pull any closer, and Luther was able to salt the game away at the free throw line. For the game, the Norse went 17 for 21 from the charity stripe.

"William Penn and Simpson were picked as the teams to beat in the Iowa Conference, but we knew Luther was a very talented team," Meyer-Thomas said. "The conference, as a whole, is well-balanced this year. You can get beat on any given night."

The Knights' upset victory over Simpson provides proof for Meyer-Thomas' assessment. Bravard paced the Knights in scoring with 20 points. Smith added 14. Junior Beth Warner also had a good game and caught the eye of the coaches. Assistant Coach Sue DeBerg said Warner, who also contributed 14 points, and the team as a whole played well.

"Against Simpson we ran our offense smoothly and were patient in our shot selections," DeBerg said. "We were also intense on defense."

Meyer-Thomas echoed the sentiments of DeBerg. "When we get production from a lot of individuals it means we're playing well as a team," she said.

In comparing the Simpson game to the Luther encounter, Meyer-Thomas said, "We played like completely different teams."

In addition to playing the Redmen and the Norse, Wartburg played Coe in non-conference action Wednesday. The game was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but it was cancelled due to icy and cold conditions.

Unfortunately for the Knights, they suffered from a case of cold shooting. Meyer-Thomas said the team shot 33 percent from the field in the 59-49 loss, and that was the difference in the game. Sophomore Jan Haupt was a bright spot in the losing effort, contributing 12 points and sinking all six of her free-throw attempts.

Wartburg will need to shoot well this week as they travel to Oskaloosa tomorrow night to face defending league champion William Penn. The Knights, 5-7 overall and 2-1 in conference play, will open their home conference schedule against Upper Iowa Friday.



SHOOTING UNDER PRESSURE—Freshman forward Angle Freerks (left) shoots over the outstretched arm of Luther's Diane Boehmke (33) in the Lady Knights' 78-60 loss to the Norse Saturday at the Luther Fieldhouse. The loss dropped Wartburg to 2-1 in the Iowa Conference, 5-7 overall. Ken Gorton photo.

Wednesday at Cedar Rapids

WARTBURG (49)
Bravard 2-12 0-0 4, Heikens 0-1 1-2 1, Smith 4-11 2-2 10, Anderson 2-3 0-0 4, Helgeland 2-5 0-0 4, Haupt 3-11 6-6 12, Jensen 1-3 0-1 2, Warner 4-9 0-0 8, Vering 0-1 1-2 1, Stamper 0-1 0-0 0, Roelofs 0-2 1-2 1, Fish 1-1 0-0 2, Freerks 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 19-62 11-15 49.

COE (59)
Rechkemmer 5-11 3-6 13, Lorber 1-14 2-4 4, Arai 0-0 0-2 0, McFarland 0-0 0-0 0, Plasecki 3-5 0-0 6, Loftus 2-5 0-2 4, Gibney 0-0 0-0 0, Peterson 2-4 0-0 4, Clark 7-14 0-0 14, Wimmer 4-5 0-0 8, Herzberg 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 27-63 5-14 59.

Halftime—Coe 30, Wartburg 17. Three-point field goals—none. Rebounds—Wartburg 41 (Bravard, Smith 6), Coe 42 (Lorber 7). Assists—Wartburg 10 (Bravard, Warner 3), Coe 5 (Plasecki 2). Total fouls—Wartburg 17, Coe 19. Fouled out—Bravard.

Friday at Indianola

WARTBURG (74)
Bravard 9-17 2-3 20, Heikens 1-3 0-1 2, Smith 6-10 2-4 14, Anderson 2-4 6-6 10, Helgeland 2-7 2-5 8, Haupt 3-6 1-3 7, Jensen 0-0 0-0 0, Freerks 0-0 1-2 1, Warner 6-8 2-4 14. Totals 29-55 16-28 74.

SIMPSON (87)

Miller 1-5 0-0 2, Wise 3-14 0-0 6, Yilek 7-10 8-12 22, Rhoades 2-8 2-2 6, McKee 1-3 2-4 4, Calhoun 6-17 0-0 13, Knoer 1-2 2-3 4, Barnett 1-1 0-0 2, Frantum 4-12 0-3 8, Bender 0-2 0-0 0, Silefort 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-75 14-24 87.

Halftime—Wartburg 43, Simpson 31. Three-point goals—Calhoun. Rebounds—Wartburg 33 (Warner 7), Simpson 43 (Yilek 9). Total fouls—Wartburg 23, Simpson 22. Fouled out—Bravard, McKee.

Saturday at Decorah

WARTBURG (60)

Bravard 6-11 0-0 12, Warner 3-8 1-2 7, Smith 5-9 2-4 12, Anderson 1-4 4-4 8, Helgeland 1-3 0-0 2, Freerks 2-6 1-2 5, Stamper 0-1 0-0 0, Jensen 1-2 0-0 2, Haupt 0-7 6-6 6, Vering 0-2 0-0 0, Heikens 4-4 0-0 8. Totals 24-56 14-20 60.

LUTHER (78)

D. Boehmke 7-15 6-6 20, Ross 5-9 3-5 13, Henrikson 5-8 4-4 14, Floyd 4-8 0-0 8, Carroway 4-9 0-0 9, J. Boehmke 0-1 1-2 1, Jacobsen 1-4 0-0 2, Graven 4-6 3-4 11. Totals 30-60 17-21 78.

Halftime—Luther 36, Wartburg 25. Three-point goals—Carroway. Rebounds—Wartburg 37 (Smith 9), Luther 30 (D. Boehmke 9). Assists—Wartburg 10 (Helgeland 6), Luther 23 (Floyd 7). Total fouls—Wartburg 16, Luther 17. Fouled out—none.

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Knights trip at Luther, beat Redmen



WILL IT DROP OR WON'T IT?—Knight juniors Terry Ira (33) and Mike Murphy (25), along with Norseman John Evenstad, watch a Wartburg shot roll along the rim in the Knights' 77-71 loss to the Norse Saturday at the Luther Fieldhouse in Decorah. Ira and Murphy each scored 20 points to share game-high honors. Rich Gordon photo.

by RICH GORDON

After winning an overtime duel with the Simpson Redmen at Indianola Friday, the Wartburg men's basketball squad tripped over Luther Saturday at Decorah.

The Knights' 86-81 overtime victory over Simpson consisted of "two different halves," according to Coach Buzz Levick.

"In the first half, we shot well and didn't turn the ball over too much," Levick said. "But in the second half, we had 12 or 13 turnovers, and Simpson shot the ball very well. I think they scored 50 or 51 points in the second half."

Simpson, led by Mike Sadler's game-high 23 points, battled back from a 41-29 halftime deficit to force the game into overtime.

"This was a game that saw us lose a big lead and go behind four or five times," Levick said. "I was thankful we were able to get the overtime."

"Murphy (junior Mike Murphy) had fouled out and (junior Terry) Ira and (senior Mark) Rolinger were in foul trouble. We needed a three-pointer to tie it up at the end of regulation, and Ira sank one even though he's not your typical three-point shooter."

Murphy led the Knights in scoring, pouring in 22 points despite fouling out. Ira had 17, Rolinger contributed 15 and sophomore Chris Huecksteadt added 14.

Wartburg rolled into Decorah Saturday anticipating the traditionally tough battle with archrival Luther, and they got it. The Knights exchanged early leads with the Norsemen before faltering and trailing at halftime, 46-36.

Wartburg came out in the second half and closed the gap to within two points with 16 minutes remaining to play, but Luther maintained its lead with some timely buckets and the seven-for-nine free-throw shooting of forward Ken Heinecke to hold on for the 77-71 victory.

"This was one of the few times all year when our bench didn't contribute as much as our opponent's bench did," Levick said. "Luther's bench scored 20 points and ours scored just eight."

"Luther took the transition game away from us," senior Casey Cason said. "We usually average 15 points per game on

the transition, and I think we only got one transition basket the whole game. I think that was the key to their win."

Murphy and Ira topped all scorers with 20 points apiece, and Cason chipped in with 10 points to round out the Knights in double digits. Scott Hanson led the way for the Norse with 19 points, Heinecke followed with 17 and Ted Lowry and Eric Blumhagen each added 12.

The Knights, 2-1 in conference play and 9-4 overall, continue loop action by hosting William Penn tomorrow and Upper Iowa Friday at Knights Gymnasium. While the Statesmen feature a talented front line that returns intact from last year, the Peacocks feature a quick bench and last year's IAC leading scorer and MVP Tony Giger.

"Our kids have their backs to the wall," Levick said. "If we want to remain in the conference race, we've got to win at home."

Friday at Indianola (in OT)

WARTBURG (86)
Murphy 10-13 2-4 22, Rolinger 4-7 7-7 15, Ira 6-13 4-4 17, Cason 2-4 4-4 8, Huecksteadt 5-10 2-2 14, Williamson 1-5 0-0 2, Sathoff 3-3 0-0 6, Reinhardt 1-2 0-0 2, Lee 0-0 0-0 0, Nettleton 0-1 0-1 0, Thein 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-58 19-22 86.

SIMPSON (81)
Lehman 8-15 2-2 21, Chapman 1-2 0-2 2, Sadler 9-15 5-9 23, Clark 5-11 6-6 17, Knupp 0-3 0-0 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Vaske 0-3 2-2 2, Meyer 6-12 2-2 14. Totals 29-61 17-23 81.

Halftime—Wartburg 41, Simpson 29. Three-point field goals—Lehman 3, Huecksteadt 2, Ira, Clark. Rebounds—Wartburg 39 (Ira 10), Simpson 27 (Sadler 8). Assists—Wartburg 11 (Cason, Rolinger 4). Total fouls—Wartburg 20, Simpson 19. Fouled out—Murphy, Chapman.

Saturday at Decorah

WARTBURG (71)
Murphy 9-15 2-2 20, Rolinger 3-8 0-0 6, Ira 9-12 2-4 20, Cason 2-5 4-4 10, Huecksteadt 3-13 0-1 7, Williamson 0-0 0-0 0, Sathoff 0-1 1-2 1, Nettleton 1-1 0-0 2, Reinhardt 2-5 0-0 5, Thein 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-60 9-13 71.

LUTHER (77)
Evenstad 3-8 2-2 8, Heinecke 4-9 7-9 17, S. Hanson 7-12 5-6 19, DeWalt 0-1 1-2 1, Blumhagen 4-10 2-2 12, Lowry 4-8 4-4 12, Waljasper 3-4 0-0 6, Stark 0-0 0-0 0, B. Hanson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 28-53 21-25 77.
Halftime—Luther 48, Wartburg 38. Three-point goals—Blumhagen 2, Cason 2, Heinecke 2, Huecksteadt, Reinhardt. Rebounds—Wartburg 36 (Rolinger, Ira 8), Luther 27 (S. Hanson 5). Assists—Wartburg 14 (Cason 5), Luther 16 (DeWalt 8). Total fouls—Wartburg 21, Luther 17. Fouled out—DeWalt, Ira.

No. 18 grapplers win fourth straight dual

by DARREN MILLER

Wartburg's 18th-rated wrestling team won't have much time to enjoy its four-meet dual victory string.

The Knights, 4-0 in dual meets this season, defeated Coe, 32-11, Wednesday at home and crushed William Penn, 37-7, at Oskaloosa Thursday.

"We wrestled two good meets back-to-back," Coach Dick Walker said. "But Coe and William Penn were the kind of teams we thought we could wrestle well against."

Senior Walt Vering recorded a fall against Coe, junior Dean Gavin pinned his foe at William Penn and sophomore Jack Denholm won by technical fall

against the Statesmen.

"We did wrestle well last week, but those wins won't impress Loras or Wisconsin-Whitewater," Walker said. "We'll have to take them one at a time."

The Knights wrestle against Loras and Knox tonight at Dubuque and will host Whitewater Thursday in an unusual 4 p.m. start. The DuHawks are ranked 14th nationally and Whitewater is 10th.

Despite what happens this week, the Wartburg heroics last Wednesday and Thursday remain exceptional. The Knights won 16 of 20 individual matches in the two duals, including double victories by junior Jan Kahler, sophomore Jerry Ackerman, junior Jeff Voss and Denholm.

"I was rarin' to go," Kahler said after a 12-1 victory over Coe's Brett Moews at 118 pounds. "This was probably one of my better matches. I was really aggressive."

Kahler's aggressiveness inspired the Knights Wednesday, as Ackerman won an 11-9 decision over Kohawk Lonnie Caroline at 134, junior Ben Hupke (142) defeated Grant Eckenrod, 5-2, junior Jeff Frost (150) decisioned Eric Wortman, 6-2, Voss (167) subdued Bill Scandridge, 13-1, sophomore Corky Anderson (177) won by forfeit, Denholm decisioned Deron Jurgensen, 9-6 at 190 and Vering (HWT) pinned Corey Meints in 5:31. Only freshman Pat King (126) and senior

Steve Harms (158) lost against Coe.

"This was a good, even performance from us," Walker said. "It was not a negative meet at all, but we have plenty of business ahead of us."

In Thursday's victory over Penn, Kahler and King won by forfeit, while Ackerman, sophomore Steve Walker, Voss and Vering won by decision. Denholm won by technical fall in 5:37 and Gavin won by fall in 4:48.

Walker said a large home turnout would help against Wisconsin-Whitewater Thursday, and felt that the results of this week's dual meets "wouldn't be the end of the world, no matter how the results turn out."

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Basketball spirit brings Biff back

by MARLYS THOMAS

Junior Beth Warner, a Paul Simon supporter, has a good reason for not resenting Gary Hart's return to the Democratic presidential race.

Warner, like Hart, had made a decision to drop out of a program that she had been an enthusiastic member of and then changed her mind to reenter the program.

After earning two varsity letters in women's basketball, Warner did not show up for practices at the beginning of the 1987-88 season.

"I thought that after 12 years of playing volleyball and basketball back-to-back, I was just going to take a break," Warner said. "After volleyball season I was satisfied, and I thought I could use a break. I thought I would just use this basketball season as a 'time for me' and relax."

It wasn't long after making the decision to not go out for basketball that Warner knew her decision wasn't really what she wanted.

"I felt good about my decision for about the first week and after that I found myself wandering through the gym about four or five times during every basketball practice," Warner said.

It wasn't until the first women's basketball game that Warner really felt the brunt of her decision not to go out. "When the team came running out onto the floor, it felt like someone had punched me in the stomach. I couldn't believe that I wasn't out there."

At this point, Warner began to struggle with the issue of whether or not she should go back out. She said that she was getting conflicting advice from friends—some telling her to rejoin the team and others telling her that she should stick with the decision she made.

Over Thanksgiving break, Warner took time to think about what she really wanted to do. "I took time to myself and made my decision to go back out for the team. I am now resolved to that decision and am happy with it."

Warner's family didn't know of Beth's decision to go back out until she called them one night from school. "They were all very supportive of my decision," she said.

Warner was sure in her own mind that being on the basketball team was what she wanted to do, but she still worried about being accepted by the team and by the coaches.

"I was scared to death to talk to Coach [Kathy Meyer-Thomas]," Warner said. "I respect Coach Meyer a lot and when I first decided not to go out for basketball, I thought I had really let her down. I was afraid that she may have lost respect for me."

Meyer-Thomas was pleased with Warner's decision. "I think it was a good move for Beth. She has a lot of talent and needs to develop it more," she said. "As far as the team is concerned, Beth is a good team player with a good attitude. Her enthusiasm can really be infectious. We can benefit from the depth she will add to the center position."

Recently Warner was moved to the starting line-up. Meyer-Thomas said the move was made because "that's where Beth should be."

Meyer-Thomas says that she has a different team now than the team she had before Christmas. Not only is Warner back on the roster, but two other players have also joined the team—sophomores Jan Haupt and Kristen Meinders.

"The conference is up for grabs this year, and I feel that our team can make a difference in the outcome if we play consistently and well," said Meyer-Thomas, whose team is now 2-1 in conference play.

Warner shares her coach's enthusiasm about this year's team. "We have a very versatile team with a good bench, and I think we can surprise a lot of people in the conference this year," said Warner, adding that even though much of the team is inexperienced, she feels strongly about the leadership of the three seniors, Donita Heikens, Janae Bravard and DeAnn Helgeland.

"When the team came running out onto the floor, it felt like someone had punched me in the stomach. I couldn't believe that I wasn't out there."

—Beth Warner

With her decision to come back out, Warner has also developed some important goals, the most important being to have a good attitude at all times.

"I have a tendency to get down on myself after making a bad play, but that usually results in making even more mistakes. I'm going to try to change that this year, by not letting bad plays get me down, but instead trying to counter with a good play."



I GOT IT—Junior Beth Warner fights for a rebound during practice after rejoining the basketball team.

Warner also said she feels it is important for her to contribute in whatever way the coaches need her to. "If they ask me to hit the boards, that's what I'll try to do. If they need good defense, I'll concentrate on that."

Warner says that she is ready to play basketball, and that she would never have tried to come back out, if she didn't love the sport. Isn't that what Gary Hart has been saying about his reentrance into the Democratic presidential race?

If Hart possesses any of the kind of personal drive that Warner has, we shouldn't be surprised to see him finish at the top of the pack.

"If you really have the desire to do something," Warner said, "you should go for it."

After semester in Africa

Venture Education students return home

by TAMI ELLIOTT

How does it feel to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro or sleep with lizards while white elephants lean on your hut?

Yes, hut.

The five Venture Education students will gladly answer these questions about their trip to Africa.

Seniors Michelle Baxter, Russ Leeper, Jane Sonnenberg, Michelle Wikner and junior Kim Collier not only had a chance to sightsee in Africa, but to live in the culture also.

You may ask, "How does it feel to set foot in Africa?"

"Relieved!" said Collier. "It was a 16-hour flight and a 15-hour Amsterdam layover."

Upon arriving in Africa, the students dispersed to their various areas and duties. Baxter, Collier and Wikner stayed in the city of Morogoro. They taught biology in a secondary mission school.

"We taught a unit on nutrition and digestion," said Baxter. "We would ask them if they felt they were well-nourished and get some weird answers."

Collier worked in the school's library.

"I organized the books that Ujaama had sent over," Collier explained. She also observed a music class while she was there. "It was interesting, but I wish I would've been able to do more than just observe."

The three stayed in guest rooms adjacent to the student dorms.

"They were nice. We had running water (cold) and electricity and everything," Baxter said.

"But there was only one phone on campus," explained Collier. "I guess I didn't think we'd be living as well as we did though."

For Leeper and Sonnenberg, however, things were different.

"We were out in the brush," Leeper explained. "but Jane was farther out than I was!"

Leeper lived with a Tanzanian family on a sugar cane plantation.

"I taught English and Math, but I'm a psychology major," he said. "I guess they need help so much—we'll do anything."

Leeper was close enough to Morogoro that he was able to see the other part of the group.

"We climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro together. It was a neat tourist thing to do," Leeper said.

Sonnenberg, however, didn't see any of the group while she was there. She was with the Ruhija Evan-



A LEARNING EXPERIENCE—Venture Education students, seniors Michelle Baxter, Michelle Wikner, Russ Leeper and Jane Sonnenberg and junior Kim Collier, discuss their experiences in Africa. Ken Gorton photo

gelical Mission Academy in a small village.

"The next closest village was a 45-minute walk. Sure, there were huts along the way, but no villages," she said.

The luxuries which we take for granted here were not to be enjoyed over there.

"There was no running water or electricity. I had to boil my water and then purify it too," Sonnenberg said.

Another exciting trip the Morogoro group went on was to Ruaha Game Preserve.

"It was neat to see elephants roaming around," Baxter said. "One night they came up to our hut and leaned on it."

But aside from the touring, all five agreed that there was much more to their Tanzanian adventure.

"I'll always remember the people there," Sonnenberg said. "They want you to be incredibly happy and they always are saying greetings. It was neat; they were always saying, 'tell so-and-so my family sends greetings.'"

Leeper agreed about the friendliness of the people.

"They didn't have much to give, but what they did, they gave," he recalled. "It was frustrating in a way, too. They put me up on a pedestal because I was a guest. All I wanted was to be accepted at their level."

Wikner will probably remember the people too, but for another reason. "They don't have the personal space concept that we do. I mean, we were riding on a bus one day and this guy just leaned over and fell asleep on my shoulder," she said. "He'd wake up, look around, smile and go back to sleep. He pulled out one of my long blond hairs and passed it around so everyone could see it."

Needless to say, these experiences have changed and shaped their lives.

"It changed my view of the world so much. You don't

realize how different the world is until you get there," Leeper said. "But then again, you realize how basically similar everyone really is."

Collier also noticed a change in herself upon returning to the U.S. "I have more belief in myself and what I can do. It gave me a stronger sense of inner peace—a direction in life," she explained.

Baxter agreed in part with Collier. "I've never felt so relaxed before. It gave me a chance to sit back from what I'm doing and see where I'm going. We get so caught up in school and careers," Baxter said. "We really don't realize what great opportunities we have until we see people without them."

Sonnenberg didn't feel this peace as much as she felt enlightenment towards the Third World.

"In technical terms, I don't think I learned much. I mean, people would ask me how they felt about villagization and I'd just look at them. They don't worry about that. They worry about whether they'll be able to feed their families that day—not something called 'villagization'," Sonnenberg said.

Upon arriving back at Wartburg, many felt these changes were amplified.

"I guess I was nervous about coming back. About changes in me and my friends," Collier said.

Leeper's having some trouble readjusting to the American lifestyle. "It's weird. I go into the caf, and I notice how much food is wasted. I feel a lot guiltier too if I don't clean my plate," he said. "I walk into dorm rooms and I see more possessions there than any one family has in Tanzania."

"I'd definitely encourage people to go," Sonnenberg said. "I know it will serve as a reference point for the rest of my life."